



City of Newport, Kentucky 2017 Annual Report

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State of the City, 2018

By Thomas J. Fromme

As we enter 2018 it is time to review the accomplishments of 2017 and report on the current State of the City. The last eleven years have been an exciting period of time and the past year has been no exception. During this time, we have experienced a tremendous amount of new development, as well as the creation of jobs. This success has been due to a variety of factors, such as stable elected and staff leadership, which allows us to stay focused on long term goals. I am pleased to report that the City is in reasonably good shape from an infrastructure and financial point of view. Due to the continuing commitment of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, we have invested heavily on infrastructure repairs during the past seven years. On the financial side, we have been very frugal and have not spent money unwisely. In calendar year 2017, approximately \$2.3 million was invested in capital improvements which includes over \$800,000 on street repairs.

On the development side, 2017 was another successful year. Many projects such as the Route 9 connector road and New Riff Rick-House are underway and both are scheduled for completion in late 2018. Several other projects advanced during the past year and are planned to begin during the coming year. These include: the eagerly anticipated Skywheel to be located near Newport on the Levee, which will be a major attraction for Newport and the entire Greater Cincinnati Region; and The Academy on 4th, which will have 230 quality residential units and retail space along Monmouth Street. In the past year we experienced a net loss of nine companies but had an increase of 42 new employees and our payroll revenue increased by \$25,000.

Highlights of the many accomplishments in 2017 include: repaving of portions of Clifton Avenue, Columbia Street, Dayton Street, Hodge Street, Linden Avenue, Lindsey Street, McHenry Street, Thornton Street and West 9th Street; implementation of new online financial transparency, OpenGov Reports; successfully implementing the new Springbrook Finance Module for the City and Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch, including a redistribution of duties to departments and increased transparency regarding the status of spending; LED street light conversion in cooperation with Duke Energy; opening of Newport History Museum at The Southgate Street School; replacement of 1,160 feet of deteriorated curbs; and implementation of the Monmouth Street Streetscape improvements.

City of Newport Board of Commissioners

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*Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and City
Management*

In the foreseeable future, we anticipate several new developments to occur. Many of these potential developments are a mixed use of residential and commercial. There are also some developments, such as an office building and the long awaited OVATION Project that we have worked on for several years. There are many opportunities that will be presented to the city. The Route 9 Corridor will spur new development, including residential. The departure of the Baptist Convalescent Center, while creating a short term loss of payroll, will allow us to re-develop that area in a way that will benefit the surrounding neighborhood. In the past, we have stated that if economic conditions stay favorable, we project the total value of developments to exceed one billion dollars over the next ten years. Nothing at this point causes us to waiver from that forecast.

While we have been successful in attracting new developments, we still face many challenges as we move into the future. Challenges for new developments in the near future will include the rising cost of construction verses the relatively low housing prices and lease rates. We are dealing with an aging infrastructure that requires a significant amount of maintenance and repair. There has already been a considerable amount of money spent, but this must continue on a lasting basis. During the next few years, we should anticipate spending several million dollars on infrastructure related projects. Some of the other maintenance issues that we deal with on an ongoing basis include: street sweeping, snow removal, handicap sidewalk ramps, sidewalks, trees, flood walls and gates, street signs and markings, the Municipal Complex, and City owned property and equipment. Other challenges include improving the quality of housing within some neighborhoods, improving the City revenue stream and keeping up with changing technology.

Perhaps the most difficult challenge for Newport and for surrounding cities is addressing the delivery of public services to our residents. The cost of service delivery keeps growing, mainly due to increasing personnel costs. These costs make up a considerable amount of our annual budget. With many cities having their own Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, consolidation of these services must be examined and potentially implemented. Due to shortages in the Kentucky Retirement System the city's anticipating a \$1.2 million dollar increase in our pension contribution in a single fiscal year. This factor alone may have severe consequences and could result in reduction of services. It is time for our elected leaders to embrace consolidation initiatives in order to provide critical services into the future.

Unfortunately, in Kentucky, **local municipalities do not receive revenue from sales tax**. The City is limited in its ability to grow revenues. Several governmental agencies levy property tax making it difficult for the City to raise sufficient revenue from that source. The City has focused on increasing the revenue from payroll tax through the creation of new jobs. Currently, payroll and occupational tax provides approximately 47% of total revenue, while property tax provides approximately 14%. While this ratio is beneficial to property owners when economic times are good, it is detrimental to the effective operation of the City during periods of economic downturn. Revenue from payroll tax is greatly reduced, while property tax revenue remains relatively stable when a downturn occurs.

For many years, the City focused on reducing property tax. In retrospect, this had the effect of negatively impacting our revenue stream. Over the past ten years, we have struggled with raising property tax revenue. Due to the Great Recession, the Commission has been sensitive to the impact on homeowners and oftentimes has foregone tax increases on property. At some point, the imbalance between property tax revenue and payroll tax revenue must be addressed. Ideally, the revenue from property tax would make up 25% of our General Fund Revenues.

For the calendar year 2017, the City ended with a General Fund Cash Balance of \$3,049,238.00. During the current Fiscal Year, we anticipate spending several hundred thousand dollars in street repairs. A list of streets scheduled for work will be posted on the City website at www.newportky.gov. Additionally, other capital improvements for the year include: slippage repairs on the Floodwall and Retention area; continuing infrastructure improvements along Monmouth Street and continuing implementation of LED lighting. We continue to operate with a very small efficient staff and make every effort to provide a high quality of service in a cost effective manner.

Our goals continue to include further redevelopment of residential and commercial properties, working on quality of life issues - such as parks and recreation, and maintaining a safe walkable community. From a fiscal perspective, we continue working on growing revenues, keeping our expenses reasonable, reducing and eliminating the use of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN), debt service and implementing the of new financial software. The goals for 2018 are listed in their entirety in this Annual Report.

Sincerely,

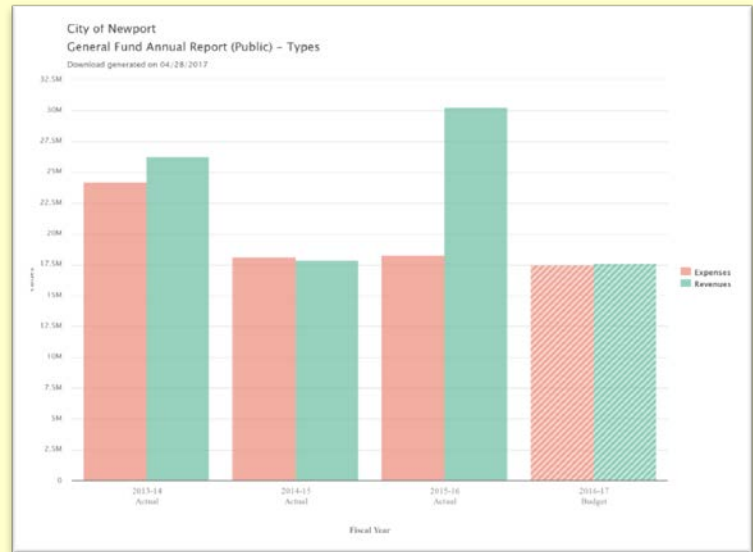
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City Manager



2017 Accomplishments

General Government and Administration

- Implemented new online financial transparency, Open Gov. Reports: annual budgets; monthly expenditures; year over year comparisons, and historical information. Used to present FY 2018 budget information to general public.
- Successfully implemented new Springbrook Finance Module for the City and Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch, including a redistribution of duties to departments and increased transparency regarding the status of spending. Initial Payroll Module setup is complete.
- Completed and distributed EOY 2016 Annual Report.
- Raise the profile of the City through social media and other events/outlets. Continuation of Facebook (1,188 likes), Mail Chimp and Instagram accounts. Sent 33 Mail Chimp campaigns to 238 subscribers. Instituted new Commission Meeting Highlights, increased promotions of City/Foundation Events, created employee spotlights for City government month.
- Updated Personnel Policy and Procurement Policy, per Audit Recommendations.
- Improved segregation of duties in Finance with implementation process for Springbrook.
- Negotiated FOP Contract.
- LED street light conversion in cooperation with Duke Energy.
- Implemented new Rumpke Solid Waste Collection contract.
- Newport History Museum at The Southgate Street School opened.
- Established and set the 2017 Property Tax Rate.



Reports available at <https://newportky.opengov.com/>

Public Safety: Police

- Secured/acquired grant funding to purchase patrol rifles for street officers.
- Rise in projected parking meter collection – strong efforts in this area have allowed us to increase the effectiveness of parking enforcement.
- Exceeded goal as it relates forfeiture funds (seizure of cash and assets).
- Developed stronger partnerships with neighborhoods and created a home security detection system designed to make communities safer.
- Updated/re-worked the city pole cameras to assist police and city services.
- Patrol body cameras are fully operational.
- SWAT Team joined KTOA organization for tactical training courses and educational reasons. Also, joined forces with Covington PD SWAT Team reference (jurisdictional) calls for service.

2017 Accomplishments (continued)

Public Safety: Fire

- New engine delivered and in service from a FEMA grant.
- Finished upgrading department response policies for better protection of citizens and firefighters.
- Implemented officer rotation of building inspections.
- Hired and trained two replacement firefighters.
- Started on repairs at Station 2.
- Established new rates for Emergency Medical Services.
- Received a grant for the implementation of one mechanical C.P.R. device.
- Went through the hiring process to establish an eligibility list for new firefighters.
- Recommended and implemented a new ambulance billing service.
- Submitted AFG grant for ambulance, gear, additional firefighter and training.



Engine Company 903: 2017 Pierce Enforcer

Infrastructure and Maintenance

Streets and Sidewalks

- Paved 1.4 Miles of City streets. Resurfacing list included: Portions of Clifton Avenue, Columbia Street, Dayton Street, Hodge Street, Linden Avenue, Lindsey Street, McHenry Street, Thornton Street, West 9th Street.
- Replaced 1,160 Feet of deteriorated curbs along the roads that were paved in 2017.
- Installed 14 handicap panels and ramps resulting in a more accessible city.
- Implemented Monmouth Street Streetscape improvements and administered CDBG Program Income Funds:
 - Replaced street and pendant luminaires.
 - Painted all cans, lamp posts, fencing and benches.
 - Bid out sidewalk paver replacement.
 - Replaced all trash can lids.
- Curbing and street project on Wiedemann Hill.
- Five Year Street Resurfacing Plan - Base mapping and ranking of City Streets complete and updated through 2018.
- Riverfront Commons II– Grant Administration and Implementation. Construction of a new sidewalk along Dave Cowens Road.
- Riverfront Commons III Bridges Grant (Submitted Plans to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- Various mast arm replacements.
- Carothers Phase II design.
- Route 9 construction.
- Selected three new Red Bike Station locations, prepared for installation to be in 2018. Partners and funding identified for initial site preparation.

2017 Accomplishments (continued)

Infrastructure and Maintenance (continued)

Slides

- Repaired the slide area and widen Grandview Avenue.
- Repaired the slide area opposite BB Riverboats on the floodwall.

Facilities, Parks and Utilities

- Demolished the old Satellite Building at New Linden and Monmouth.
- Demolished the old City Garage Building.
- Replaced the phone system for the City.
- Replaced the failing lighting system that illuminates the pool surface with LED.
- Constructed a walk, road and stage area at the outfall of Taylor Creek at the Ohio River.
- Replaced failing sewer on New Linden.
- Kicked off Arborist contract.
- Continue to work with SD1 on sewer overflows.
 - EPA Listening sessions related to SD1 Consent Decree / Impact on Newport, met with various property owners on flooding/back up issues.
 - Worked with SD1 on the new back up assistance program.
 - Began to investigate potential fix for flooding at 9th and Monmouth/Saratoga/York

Fleet and Equipment

- Replaced the 1999 Jeep Community Services Vehicle.
- Replaced the 1992 Utility Truck in the Public Works Department.
- Purchase and put into use an Asphalt Hot Box.

Community and Economic Development

- Development Projects Completed or Underway:
 - Rowing Club expansion
 - 11th street new housing/Weidemann Hill
 - Don Pablo's/Cancun property conversion
 - Hooters lease renegotiation for Pegasus Project
 - NewRiff rick house Project
 - Aloft and Aqua
 - Academy on Fourth
 - Hampton Inn
 - Skywheel
 - Pegasus
- TIF reporting ongoing to the State for Ovation Project. Several prospects for development on the site including FC Cincinnati and Amazon, among other RFI responses and developer interest.
- Worked Development Projects: Peace Bell, Newport Steel/IPSCO, other confidential sites - Met with multiple prospects, reviewed proformas, researched financing options.
- Engaged with approx. 20 businesses related to expansion, engagement and retention issues.
- Six façade Improvement Program Projects closed out.



Demolition of City Garage at Wildcat Drive

2017 Accomplishments (continued)

Community and Economic Development (continued)

- Completed survey work for a West Side Buena Vista District closing out a \$20,000.00 CLG grant.
- NKY Restoration Weekend.
- Investigated National Creative Placemaking Fund Opportunity.
- Investigated TIGER Grant opportunities for increased pedestrian/bicycle circulation.
- Worked with Southbank Partners to apply for CMAQ funding to better connect Festival Park.
- Smart City: Upgrade to MyLo 2.0 at original node location at the Levee. One new SmartLink node installed on the Purple People Bridge. Presentations made and articles written on the City's approach to public private partnerships. Accepted Digital Edge 50 Award at Agenda 17 Conference.
- Worked with regional partners and NKYCVB to establish the Gateway Bourbon Trail - "The B-Line".
- Worked with GCEA to meet with prospective businesses for the EPAD program. Discussed program improvements to better respond to smaller projects.
- Began discussions on Forum on Housing / West End - Compiled a point in time map and database of vacant properties, AUP listed properties and rental licenses. Identified a process to determine gaps in redevelopment financing with the Catalytic Fund's assistance. Met with various people/business on their interest in the Housing Market in the West End.
- Development Opportunity Study completed – Sponsored by The Catalytic Fund.

Code Enforcement

- Prioritized collection efforts based on property history and severity of violations.
- Collected \$107,138 in Permit revenue.
- Created in-house Code Enforcement nuisance abatement program that was previously contracted out, resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$48,000.
- Researched and selected new Code Enforcement Software to replace existing outdated program.
- Reorganization of staff inside Code Enforcement Division.
- Purchase and custom build of new animal control van at a cost savings of over \$30,000.
- Created Property Task Force in mid-August and created a work plan for the new initiative.
- Identified over thirty six vacant properties with delinquent taxes - properties were placed on a working for list for potential foreclosure.
- Identified businesses with delinquent taxes, collecting, negotiated for payment, litigation when necessary.
- Identified rental properties with significant code liens and violations. Condemnation orders issued when necessary.
- Identified over 40 properties operating without a rental license – Contacted landlords to determine how long they have been operating a rental unit, set up inspections and collected the current and delinquent fees.
- Ongoing coordination with the Police Department on referrals and follow ups for enforcement.
- Collected a total of \$87,433.49 from property initiative in 2017 (delinquent property taxes, tangible taxes and occupational fees).

Key Metrics, 2015-2017

| General Government | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Worker Compensation Claims | 22 | 22 | 14 |
| Injury Days Lost – “Days Away” | 12 | 71 | 72 |
| Sick Time Utilized | 5,198 hours | 6,372 hours | 7,054 hours |

| Personnel Summary | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>City Manager's Office</i> | | | |
| Total City Manager's Office Full Time | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Total Part Time | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| <i>Finance and Administration</i> | | | |
| Total Full Time | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total Part Time | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Police</i> | | | |
| Total Full Time | 46 | 45 | 46 |
| Total Part Time | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| <i>Fire</i> | | | |
| Total Full Time | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Total Part Time | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Development Services</i> | | | |
| Total Full Time | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Total Part Time | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Community Services</i> | | | |
| Total Full Time | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| Total Part Time | 19 | 19 | 21 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL FULL TIME | 112 | 115 | 118 |
| TOTAL PART TIME | 33 | 33 | 36 |
| TOTAL EMPLOYEES | 145 | 148 | |

| Business Information | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| New Companies | 55 | 56 | 60 |
| Lost Companies | 15 | 31 | 69 |
| New Employees | 321 | 325 | 163 |
| Lost Employees | 66 | 235 | 121 |
| Net Payroll | \$ 6,006,315 | \$ 6,533,503 | \$6,558,883 |

| Capital Equipment | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Purchased 2015 | Cost | Purchased 2016 | Cost | Purchased 2017 | Cost |
| 2 Dump Beds | \$35,790 | Horton Medic Unit | \$27,500 | Hot Box | \$33,133 |
| Horton Medic Unit | \$157,000 | Explorer Fire Chief | \$37,234 | Utility Box Truck | \$44,093 |
| F550 Super Duty - PW | \$70,750 | 3 Dodge Chargers | \$92,289 | Ford Escape | \$24,550 |
| F250 Super Duty - Code | \$25,000 | Pierce Fire Engine | \$500,000 | 3 Dodge Chargers | \$83,277 |
| 6 Dodge Chargers | \$155,431 | 3 Dodge Chargers | \$74,871 | Ford Transit Van | \$21,574 |
| Street Sweeper | \$253,750 | Body Cameras | \$28,383 | Springbrook Software | \$35,537 |
| Park Shelter | \$ 5,481 | Equipment | \$77,445 | | |
| Pool Structure Rehab | \$3,434 | Fire SCBA Equip | \$150,686 | | |
| Forensic Equipment | \$ 29,542 | | | | |
| Life Packs | \$29,323 | | | | |
| Total: | \$765,502 | Total: | \$ 998,409 | Total: | \$242,164 |

| Public Works | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Street Miles Paved | 3.5 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Tons of Asphalt | 446.4 | 389.7 | 164 |
| Potholes filled | 4,464 | 3,897 | 1640 |
| Handicap access ramps | 22 | 13 | 12 |
| Trees removed | 12 | 38 | 26 |
| Trees planted | 130 | 212 | 28 |
| Salt tons used | 822 | 810 | 200 |
| Overtime for snow removal | 76 | 430 | 134.5 |
| Days streets swept | 158 | 160 | 161 |
| Pool Attendance | 8,166 | 9,151 | 6740 |
| Field use / Permits *Actual Permits (versus Users) | 82 | 87 | 742* |
| Signs replaced/installed | 115 | 178 | 123 |
| Crosswalks striped | 24 | 16 | 22 |
| Street lights replaced | 252 | 750 | 600 |

| Police | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Police calls | 33,367 | 33,269 | 28,424 |
| Traffic citations | 5,915 | 2,811 | 2,149 |
| Physical arrests | 8,060 | 6,116 | 3,450 |
| Traffic accident reports | 1,202 | 1,165 | 1,163 |
| Offense reports | 1,716 | 1,513 | 1,166 |
| Use of force | 16 | 12 | 15 |
| Parking Violations | 4,946 | 5,430 | 5,319 |
| Parking meter collections | \$212,581 | \$234,174 | \$214,992 |

| Fire | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Paramedic calls | 3,702 | 3,592 | 3,710 |
| Fire calls | 1,642 | 1,643 | 1,636 |
| Inspections | 673 | 678 | 573 |

| Code Enforcement | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Code Enforcement citations | 197 | 620 | 555 |
| Code inspections | 1,608 | 3,048 | 2,707 |
| Condemnations | 21 | 18 | 19 |
| Residential permits | 371 | 539 | 463 |
| Residential Construction Cost | \$3,971,533 | \$5,914,259 | \$5,409,907 |
| Residential Permit Fees | \$43,217 | \$61,954 | \$48,939 |
| Commercial permits | 213 | 139 | 159 |
| Commercial Construction Cost | \$10,691,550 | \$5,568,938 | \$8,376,022 |
| Commercial Permit Fees | \$102,577 | \$33,161 | \$35,765 |
| Complaints | 640 | 1,920 | 1440 |
| Number of Code Officers | 1 | 3 | 2.5 |
| Historic Preservation COA's issued | 239 | 230 | 296 |

| Infrastructure Improvements | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | |
| Street Resurfacing | \$735,202 | Street Resurfacing | \$704,123 | Street Resurfacing | \$294,641 |
| SRTS | \$27,140 | SRTS | \$7,140.00 | Curb and Ramp Replacements | 1160 curbs 14 ramps |
| Underground Utilities | \$ 40,000 | Grandview Slide | \$ 8,374 | Grandview Ave | \$400,571 |
| Curbs | \$ 29,531 | Churchill | \$ 63,710 | Watch Hill /Curbs | \$64,887 |
| Riverwalk | \$ 98,103 | Riverwalk | \$9,576.37 | Riverfront Commons II / Rt 8 Sidewalks | \$213,189 |
| PW Building | \$ 1,067,231 | Riverfront Commons | \$ 322,293 | Riverfront Commons III / Bridges | \$53,772 |
| Dayton St Parking Lot | \$ 120,761 | Barrel Vaults | \$ 130,440 | Mast Art Replacement | \$193,934 |
| Storm Sewer / Stadium | \$ 19,340 | Sewer | \$ 46,640 | Sewer Relocation | \$472,354 |
| Floodwall | \$ 70,535 | Floodwall | \$ 26,010 | Slide Repairs / Floodwall | \$24,580 |
| Slide Repairs | \$119,273 | Slide Repairs | \$ 36,521 | Pool Lights | \$39,925 |
| Salt Shed | \$ 14,104 | Weingartner | \$ 15,090 | LED Lighting | \$104,659 |
| Carothers | \$ 216,603 | Carothers | \$ 2,302 | Carothers Rd | \$79,757 |
| | | | | Roundabout Design | \$43,365 |
| | | | | Monmouth Street Improvements | \$301,855 |
| | | | | Taylor Creek Improvements | \$28,400 |
| Total: | \$2,557,825 | Total: | \$1,372,220 | Total: | \$2,315,889 |

2018 Goals

General Government and Administration

- OpenGov: Add Fire and Police Data. Make use of Checkbook function.
- Springbrook: Complete implementation of Payroll Module. Begin Business Tax and Enhanced Budgeting Module and Schedule remaining ancillary modules.
- Continue to investigate ways to incorporate technology into city government functions.
- Update Website, continue promotions of events, grow Facebook “Friends” by 5%.
- Monitor City Budget.
- Issue a Bond for capital improvements which would include:
 - South Monmouth / Underpass.
 - Traffic circle improvements.
- Establish and set the 2018 Property Tax Rate.
- Examine the need for additional parking meter zones.
- Successfully negotiate three union contracts.
- Investigate ability for credit card transactions for permit fee and tax payment.
- Continue to refine use of Springbrook Finance Module as a method for cost control.
- Fully staff the Finance Department.
- Complete FY 2018 Audit and Budget Book.
- Create a new Special Events Permit for movie and film production.
- Change the Rental Dwelling License renewal period from fiscal to calendar year.

Public Safety: Police

- Continue to work on the facility/infrastructure/maintenance of the building and address areas of concern that have been neglected for quite some time.
- Continue to secure “Highway Safety Grants” while working closely with the Dept. of Transportation.
- Remain aggressive in regards to the approach for the asset forfeiture and seizure program.
- Re-develop the city annual and secure a departmental group photo of all officers.
- Work more closely with the Newport Business Association in the planning phase of events – such as “Rides on Monmouth” etc.
- Establish better relationships with “Neighborhood Foundations” especially as it relates to the flow of communication regarding day to day concerns.
- Enhance the role of department personnel in the planning and development process to identify the requirements to tackle tomorrow’s problems.
- Examine the creation of a second K-9 officer.
- Examine the creation of a second motorcycle officer.

2018 Goals (continued)

Public Safety: Fire

- Prepare for the implementation of the new 800 MHz radio communications system.
- Budget and purchase radio equipment for the new radio system.
- Budget and purchase out of date replacement gear.
- Budget and install vehicle exhaust system for station.
- Seek a funding plan for the replacement of a 2004 ambulance and 1989 engine.
- Submit grants for a replacement ambulance, replacement engine, gear replacement, power cots and any additional mechanical C.P.R. device so both front line ambulances are the same for both east and west sides of the City.
- Work on replacing the current Firehouse data management and reporting software.

Infrastructure and Maintenance

- Continue implementing plan for the street / sidewalk repairs, road paving schedule, for the year.
- Resurface Tennis courts and Basketball courts at Mussman Park.
- Resurface Veterans Park drive and Parking lot.
- Install catch basins at 1328 Waterworks Road to catch runoff.
- Repair Slide Issue on Floodwall East of Washington Pump Station.
- Repair Slide at 19th Street Detention Facility.
- Construct Headwall at 18th Street Diversion.
- Install 20 Handicap Ramps and replace 2,000 Feet of deteriorated curbing.
- Install electric panel and wiring to riverfront overlook Park.
- Phase II Carothers design completion and bidding.
- Beautification/Landscape plan for Carothers median.
- Grant Implementation: Riverfront Commons III – Bridges Project, Red Bike, South Monmouth/ Underpass
- Replace two Public Works trucks with spreaders and plows.

Community and Economic Development

- Design overlay zone for 8/9 connector.
- 4th and 5th Street two way conversion and Monmouth Street two-way conversion.
- Westside Historic District.
- Review Zoning and Code Processes / Regulations
- Continue focus on development sites: IPSCO, Peace Bell, Post Office, Ovation, Pegasus Riverfront Development, NewRiff Rickhouse, Seventh and Orchard, Fourth Street School Development (Academy on Fourth), other.
- Continue business retention / outreach.
- Make use of the Opportunity Sites analysis.
- Continue Façade Program Implementation.

2018 Goals (continued)

Code Enforcement

- Implement new Code Enforcement Software including the ability to accept Permit applications via the internet, accept credit card payment at no cost to the City, and increase efficiency in the field by Code Enforcement Officers.
- Review the roles of existing staff and potential new hire.
- Select areas for enforcement based on history, condition of area, and Police calls for service, increased interior rental inspection of buildings in these locations.
- Review and update to existing codes and ordinances.
- Appoint Code Enforcement Hearing Officer and fill vacant board positions.
- Streamline the approval process for Business and Rental applications.
- Reduce the amount of outstanding property taxes by continuing to enforce collections and encouraging voluntary compliance.
- Reduce the amount of unlicensed dwellings within the City.
- Coordinate a strategy with the Police Department to identify problem properties in real time.
- Develop a foreclosure strategy for known vacant and/or problem properties to be instituted on an established priority basis.
- Develop a comprehensive strategy to deal with short term rental dwelling. Investigate strategies used by other local governments to ensure compliance with zoning and city codes while collecting tax or fee revenue.



New Riff Distilling – Whiskey Campus Currently Under Construction



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